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 To 201600
 Date Inf 14
 1000 December 1944

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ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy front line - See overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - No observed change in enemy defensive position. See overlay.
- c. Units in contact - One PW was captured from the Tent 30 of 17th SS - PW was fighting as an infantryman and he states that his company was committed as infantry. Units contacted during the period indicated no change in Order of Battle.
- d. Artillery - Enemy artillery continued to be active from battery positions as shown on overlay.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - No change.
- f. Supply and Administrative Elements - See overlays.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General summary - Enemy launched two counter-attacks, one in woods vicinity Q5962 and one in woods vicinity Q5662; continued to defend in the other parts of the Div sector and an increasing amount of artillery fire was reported.
- b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Armor - 4 tanks, supported by infantry, moved S into woods vicinity Q592628 about 1000 this morning. This attack was supported by 2 tanks firing from high ground vicinity Q573628.
 2. Artillery - Enemy artillery fire fell in great strength along the forward elements of the Div during the period. Concentrations were reported at vicinity Q557599 and 578612; scattered artillery fire was reported at the following locations: Q595600, 613613, 565604, 509573, 551586, and vicinity SARREQUEVIES.
 3. Infantry - One Co of infantry supported counter-attack of 4 tanks as shown on overlay. Infantry also counter-attacked at 1300 from woods vicinity Q560623. One small group of infantry infiltrated to positions as shown on overlay.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Estimated enemy casualties 150. 2 enemy dead buried.
- b. Prisoners - 50 PWs had passed thru Div cage since 1600. Total for this operation 1,497. Grand total 11,318.
- c. Weather - Continued cloudy tonight and tomorrow morning with some break in the clouds tomorrow afternoon. Little change in temperature.
- d. Miscellaneous - Higher Headquarters reports receiving suspicious telephone calls which may have been from enemy personnel calling over tapped lines. Three PWs captured by First Army, in American uniforms, state that there are 40 enemy in American officers uniforms armed with American .45 caliber pistols and carrying American pay books and service records, but wearing German Army identification discs, who are attempting to learn tactical information. The identity of suspicious parties in jeeps may be determined by asking for the password, stating areas, dog tags, questions on the World Series, and other similar questions.

A statement must be forwarded with every individual who is evacuated in civilian clothes to the Div PWE that such an individual is either a PW or that the individual cannot be located by the Div.

- e. Password - TACERINE only. SECILY from 221200 to 221200 December 1944.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES - No change.

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